

You know me I find, since "you are sure I will rejoice at the present appearance of Peace" - An honorable Peace is and always was my first wish. I can take no delight in the effusion of human Blood, but if this War should continue I wish to have the most active part in it. - With the highest sense of your kind attentions and good Opinion, and with the most earnest desire to deserve, by my conduct the delicate praises of a Friend of your high worth and public Spirit, I am, sincerely and affectionately
your most obliged

J. P. JONES

Letter from John Paul Jones to Gouverneur Morris

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The engagement between Jones' "Bonhomme Richard" and the British "Serapis" is famous in world history. Competent historians have declared that the brilliant and unexpected victory was "wholly and solely due to the immovable courage of John Paul Jones." It was during this battle that Jones replied to the question of the British Captain Pearson, "Have you struck?", with his answer: "I have just begun to fight."